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SUBJ: COMITE 4: AUSTRALIAN TACTICS ON SR VOTING

1. AS DEPT AWARE, AUSTRALIANS GOT FREE RIDE IN "SANCTIONS" RES ON SR ADOPTED BY FOURTH COMITE NOV 20. DESPITE PRESENCE OF RHODESIAN INFORMATION CENTER IN SYDNEY (AS WELL AS RHODESIAN OFFICES IN SA, PORTUGAL, AND PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES), CO-SPONSORS CHOSE ONLY TO ATTACK PRESENCE OF RHODESIAN OFFICES IN US. MANY AMONG NON-ALIGNED HAVE EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT TO US PRIVATELY, NOT NECESSARILY OVER US HAVING BEEN SINGLED OUT, BUT OVER FACT THAT AUSTRALIANS WERE IMPROPERLY OMITTED.

2. IT APPARENT THAT GOOD WILL WHICH AUSTRALIANS HAVE GENERATED AS CHAMPIONS OF ANTI-COLONIALIST CAUSES AND FOR PROMOTING VISITING MISSION TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA HAVE PAID OFF (USUN 4909 NOTAL.

3. AUSTRALIAN DEPUTY PERMREP CAMPBELL ALSO TRIED TO GIVE IMPRESSION PRIVATELY AMONG COMITE MEMBERS THAT IT WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS TO POSTPONE VOTE ON SR RESES PENDING US
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THAT AUSTRALIANS NOT PURSUE THIS, THEY PERSISTED IN SPREADING RUMOR THAT US WAS ENCOURAGING SUCH A DELAY. WHEN CHAIRMAN OF FOURTH COMITE (DIAZ-GONZALEZ - VENEZUELA) STATED NOV 20 THAT "CERTAIN DELEGATIONS" HAD ASKED FOR DELAY IN VOTE, MANY ASSUMED THAT IT WAS US WHICH HAD REQUESTED POSTPONEMENT. (VOTE WAS HELD NOV 20 NEVERTHELESS.)

4. CAMPBELL ALSO SAW FIT TO PRY ICELAND FROM SCANDINAVIAN GROUP WHICH WAS ABSTAINING ON BOTH SR RESES. ICELAND'S SUBSEQUENT "YES" VOTES PREDICTABLY ANGERED DENMARK AND OTHER SCANS AGAINST AUSTRALIA AND ONLY SECONDARILY, ICELAND. BRITISH HERE ARE SO UPSET ABOUT AUSTRALIAN MANUEVER WITH ICELAND THAT THEY ARE ASKING BRITISH HICOM TO LODGE FORMAL PROTEST WITH AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OVER CAMPBELL'S BEHAVIOR.
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